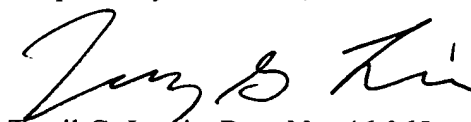


REMARKS

Pending claims 30-123 have been allowed by the Examiner. However, in the March 11, 2004 office action the Examiner called for the Applicant to submit a new Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and/or copies of certain prior art references that the Examiner apparently does not have access to. In response to this request, Applicant submits herewith a new IDS. Further details concerning the IDS are explained in the IDS itself.

Applicant looks forward to receiving a notice of allowance for all pending claims.

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Applicant submits this IDS in response to the Examiner's office action dated March 11, 2004. As the record in this application reflects, the various IDSs submitted by the Applicant have apparently led to some confusion. As a result, the Examiner has called in the March 11th action for "copies of all of the references [which] were lined through" by the Examiner on Applicant's prior Forms 1449, apparently because the Examiner does not currently have access to those references.

Applicant attempts, in this latest IDS, to do even better than what the Examiner requests. ***What Applicant has done here is to culminate in one IDS all of IDSs previously submitted to the Examiner. Thus, all references previously cited in this application are being resubmitted, re-listed on the attached Form 1449, and copies of each listed reference are included.*** In addition, other references not previously cited are also submitted and listed with copies.¹

While the Examiner has only called for "lined through" references, given the apparent confusion of the IDSs in this application, the Applicant thought it would be best to ensure that the Examiner has a complete listing of, and copies of, ***all*** references submitted in this application, so that he can review them (again, if necessary) in one sitting.

To ensure no further confusion, ***Applicant requests that the Examiner initial the spaces on the currently submitted Form 1449 to evidence his review of the listed references***—even if the Examiner's consideration (or lack of consideration) of certain references is at this point evidenced on some other Form 1449 previously submitted by the Applicant. ***In short, Applicant encourages the Examiner for simplicity and clarity to focus on executing the currently submitted Form 1449 above all others previously submitted,*** so that this one IDS and its cumulative Form 1449 can be understood as the final word on what references the Examiner has considered in this case.

Regarding the Examiner's comments concerning litigation-style documents, Applicant submits herein what is believed to be all allegations of invalidity or unenforceability that have been formally lodged by any potential adverse parties in any litigation concerning patents related to the instant application (such as parent patents 6,015,760; 5,880,036; 5,286,344; and 6,287,978). To this point however, Applicant believes that there have been no legal findings regarding any of these related patents, only formal allegations.

¹ Such newly cited references include A79-A81, B17, C4, and C58-C76.